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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/998,080 for
MIN BASED MATERIALS AND METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
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Our File No. 297/105/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment (3 pages);
2. Amendment Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21 - 2 pages); and
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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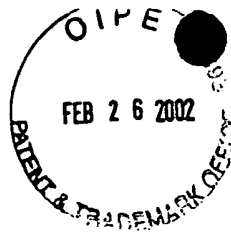
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